

What is claimed is

1. An electric connecting terminal to be connected to a flat circuit body comprising:

a plane portion;

5 a pair of piercing portions erected from opposite side edges of the plane portion adapted to penetrate through a coating and a conductor of the flat circuit body and fold tips thereof in such a direction as to approach each other; and

10 a taper surface for gradually reducing a thickness of the piercing portion provided on an internal surface of each piercing portion.

15 2. The electric connecting terminal according to claim 1, wherein an external surface opposed to the internal surface of each piercing portion is provided with a taper surface for gradually reducing the thickness of the piercing portion.

20 3. The electric connecting terminal according to claim 1, wherein the first tip of one of the piercing portions, which penetrates through the flat circuit body, is inverted toward the plane portion and is caused to pierce the conductor, and the second tip of the other piercing  
25 portion is superposed on the first tip for urging the

first tip toward the plane portion.

4. An electric connecting terminal to be connected to a flat circuit body comprising:

5 a plane portion; and

a pair of piercing portions erected from opposite side edges of the plane portion adapted to penetrate through a coating and a conductor of the flat circuit body and fold tips thereof in such a direction as to approach each other,

wherein each piercing portion includes a portion which have an approximately constant width, is located adjacent to the plane portion and penetrates through the conductor.

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5. The electric connecting terminal according to claim 4, wherein the first tip of one of the piercing portions penetrating through the flat circuit body is inverted toward the plane portion and is caused to pierce the conductor, and the second tip of the other piercing portion is superposed on the first tip for urging the first tip in a direction of the plane portion.

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6. An electric connecting terminal to be connected to a flat circuit body comprising:

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a plane portion; and

a pair of piercing portions erected from opposite side edge of the plane portion adapted to be fold in such a direction as to approach each other, each of the piercing

5 portions including,

a first portion, one end of the first portion being connected to the edge of the plane portion, and

a second portion connected to the other end of the first portion including a tip and a taper surface for gradually reducing a thickness of the second portion,

wherein the pair of the taper surfaces face each other over the plane portion.

7. The electric connecting terminal according to claim 6, wherein a width of the second portion becomes gradually narrow toward the tip thereof.

8. The electric connecting terminal according to claim 6, wherein the first portion has an approximately constant width.

9. The electric connecting terminal according to claim 8, wherein a width of the second portion becomes gradually narrow toward the tip thereof.

10. The electric connecting terminal according to claim 6, wherein the second portion includes the taper surfaces on opposite sides thereof.

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